

WASHINGTON , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. House of Repre

Congressman Olver said, "Communities have been patiently awaiting this reauthorization so it's critica

Olver is senior Democrat of the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, which will be resp

The reauthorization bill builds upon the successes of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Centu

"This bill ensures that Massachusetts , particularly western and central Massachusetts , will continue to

The bill includes:

\$4 Million for North Worcester County Bike Paths

The total bikeway system would include about 30 miles of recreational trails that would connect a numb

### **Twin Cities Rail Trail**

This proposed 4.2-mile rail trail would run along Route 12 between the cities of Fitchburg and Leominster

### **North Central Pathway in Gardner and Winchendon**

When complete, this 4.5-mile rail trail would become a piece of a uniform bicycle and pedestrian link be

Currently, Winchendon has recently submitted a 75 percent design for Phase IV which stretches from

### **Squannacook River Rail Trail in Townsend**

The Squannacook River Rail Trail will be a 2.4 mile long trail along Route 119 in Townsend. The curren

### **Hardwick Bike Path**

This funding would allow for the design and construction of the Hardwick Bike Path. The path would be

"Locally, this trail will help improve ecotourism and provide an opportunity for residents to enjoy the na

### **Fitchburg Commuter Line**

The surface transportation reauthorization bill contains language making the Fitchburg Commuter Line

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Starts program is the federal government's primary fin

New Starts projects, like all transportation investments in metropolitan areas, must emerge from a regio

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